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Sen. George invites parents to attend seminar on saving for college education

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LANSING – Parents seeking information about Michigan college savings plans, admission policies and financial aid options for colleges in the Kalamazoo community are welcome to attend a meeting on Monday, April 26, at the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency Auditorium at 7 p.m., Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township, said.

"College education savings plans are helping thousands of Michigan families provide their children with the opportunity to earn a higher education," George said. "I am excited to bring parents and representatives from Michigan colleges and agencies together to help spread the word about college savings resources."

Robin McMillan, executive director of the Michigan Education Trust and Marc Speiser, tuition financing consultant for the Michigan Education Savings Program, will discuss long-term plans to save for college education. Tom Freeland, manager of communications, Bureau of Student Financial Assistance-Michigan Department of Treasury will be speaking on student loan, grant and award programs available through the state.

Representatives from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College also will be available to discuss admissions policies and financial aid programs.

A drawing for MET/MESP special prizes will be held following the meeting.

The KRESA auditorium is located at 1819 Milham Road in Kalamazoo.

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